

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

PAID-UP CAPITAL AND RESERVES £210,000.

The Undersigned are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal to that paid by the local Offices.

GEORGE E. DUNN & CO., Agents.

6, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1890.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS PRESS. Telephone No. 12.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO LET.

A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE at the Peak.

Apply to C. W. RICHARDS.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1890.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY, May 14th, 1890, at 12 o'clock sharp, at their Sale Rooms, 69, Queen's Road Central.

A QUANTITY OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

CRETONNE COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, Blackwood, CARVED LEATHER CHAIRS, CHINERY, GLASSES, Teakwood EXTENDING DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, WHATNOTS, Double IRON BEDSTEADS with Spring Mattresses, CHEST OF DRAWERS, MARBLE TOP WASHING STAND, MARBLE TOP TABLES, WRITING DESK, LOOKING GLASS, &c. &c.

AND A QUANTITY OF BREAKFAST SERVICES, INK- STANDS, BELLS, and SUNDRY CROCKERY WARES.

TERMS—Cash on delivery.

APCAR BROTHERS, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1890.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Persons interested in this Church, will be held on TUESDAY NEXT, the 12th instant, at 4.30 p.m., at the Registrar-General's Office, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1889.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 6th instant.

THURSDAY, the 8th instant, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

## NOTICE

### INTIMATIONS

#### THE STANDARD

A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 63 YEARS STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST OF THE THIRTEEN INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

WHEN it is remembered that Life Assurance Contract may not fail to be fulfilled for a quarter or even half a century, before being entered into, it will be readily understood how important it is to the Policy-holders, that the past record as well as the present management of the Office should be of the highest possible character. The Standard has a long record of past good services to refer to. Funds, management, amount to £260,000, and all modes of features consistent with safety have been adopted.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents, Hongkong.

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### INTIMATIONS

#### NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO.

This Company is writing Endowment Policies on the lives of Children upon very favourable terms, no Medical Examination required. Should the Child not reach the stipulated age, all premiums received will be returned by the Company; the Contract provides for a fixed sum to become payable to Child on its attaining a specified age, upon.

BINNEY, DALE & CO. & CO., Agents, Hongkong.

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### INTIMATIONS

#### CUTLER, PALMER & CO. ESTABLISHED IN 1851.

Are represented in London by Messrs. STEPHENS & CO., LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. & by U. B. LINTHCLIFF & CO. in Japan.

Subsidies are some of the items comprised by these well-known Shippers.

### SPRITS

COGNAC—Their popular 4 Star quality and best—No better shipped.

COGNAC—Their well-known "2 Star" quality SCOTCH WHISKY, See Separate Advertisements.

### SCOTCH WHISKY

SCOTCH WHISKY, See Separate Advertisements.

### IRISH WHISKY

IRISH WHISKY, The Best—Only one quality consigned.

### PORT—"INVALIDS"

Port for Connoisseurs the following Wines have their own distinctive character.

The "INVALIDS" is a delicious fine flavor.

SHERRY—A choice dry sparkling Wine.

### SHERRY—WHITE SEAL

SHERRY—WHITE SEAL, a special favorite in China, very delicate and soft.

### CLARET

CLARET, Bourdeaux, not loaded to please varnished palate.

MOUTON—In quarts and pints.

SAINT EMERSON—In quarts and pints.

### MARQUE MEDOC

MARQUE MEDOC in quarts and pints.

### LIQUEUR

LIQUEUR from the Monastery, C. P. & Co. are the Sole Consignees of this world wide known Liqueur.

For Prices apply to either of the above Firms marked \*

### THE

MARINBURK FURNITURE CO., LTD., COLLEGE CHAMBERS, have prepared a special large stock of FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY of their own unequalled manufacture, which they are prepared to sell.

### SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES.

HANDSOME DRAWING ROOM SUITES, LIBRARY SETS, in BEST MOROCCO, COMPLETE DINING ROOM SUITES, WARDROBES, with PIVELLED MIRRORS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SUNDAY THE 24th instant at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to the 30th April, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th, to SATURDAY, the 24th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, CHAS. H. MARSHALL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW.

THE Company's Steamship.

"NINGPO."

Captain R. Kohler will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 11th inst., at NINE A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to STEMMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW.

THE Company's Steamship.

"HAITAN."

Captain R. Kohler will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 14th instant, at ELEVEN A.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LA PRAIRIE & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

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STEAM TO MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Steamship.

"NANZING."

Captain Talbot will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 12th inst., at THREE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

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FOR SWATOW, BINGAPORE, AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Company's Steamer.

"DEWAONGSE."

Captain P. H. Loft will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at TEN A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG.

Agents.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1890.

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MOGUL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KORE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship.

"AFGHAN."

Captain Golding will be despatched for the above Ports on the 16th instant.

For Freight or Passage apply to ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGEURS MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, CO. LOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA POETS.

ALEXANDRA, BRESILLES, AND POETS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ALSO, LONDON, HAVRE, AND BORDEAUX.

ON THURSDAY, the 22nd May, 1890, at NOON, the Company's Steamship OCHEANIAN, Commandant Payntor, with M. B. PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above Ports.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, Saturday and Tuesdays until 3 P.M., Saturday and Fridays until 3 P.M., on the 21st May, 1890. Parcels left to be sent forward, they must be left at the Agency's Office, Content and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1890.

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ZETLAND LODGE.

No. 523.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREDERICK'S HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY NEXT, the 13th inst., at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely.

Visiting Brother are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 612, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREDERICK'S HALL, Zetland Street, on TUESDAY NEXT, the 13th inst., at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely.

Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

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### INTIMATIONS

#### DAKIN BROTHERS OF CHINA, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

the 13th May, 1890, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at No. 27, Queen's Road, THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT.

THE PURITY of the water is certified by analysis.

The construction of the machinery and system of manufacture in the factory ensures cleanliness and absence of all contamination in the finished waters.

The quality of the Soda Water is equal to that of the best English makers.

The Flavour of the Soda Water is equal to any produced in England or abroad.

Soda and Iced Water supplied in Bottles and sealed bottles only, unless the ordinary size is especially ordered.

Coast Port Orders carefully packed and despatched by first steamer after receipt of order.

TELEPHONE No. 60.

For extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent to the Editor on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

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## INTIMATIONS.

DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.  
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The best Remedy for Ailments of the Stomach.  
DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.  
For Heartburn and Headache.  
For Gout and Indigestion.  
DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.  
The best Milder Remedy for Diseases of Children, Ladies, Children, and Infants, and for regular use in Warm Climates. DINNEFORD & CO., Chemists, Druggists and Stoerkeurs throughout the World.  
N.B.—Ask for DINNEFORD'S MAGNESIA.  
Agents—A. S. Watson & Co., Hongkong.

## TAILORING DEPARTMENT.

WE are now showing in the above Department, a Large and Varied Assortment of

## HIGH CLASS MATERIALS

for

## GENTLEMEN'S SUMMER WEAR.

comprising—

Fine Undyed ANGOLA TWEEEDS,  
Pancy Striped Washing CASHMERE,  
Striped & Check FLANNELS.Twill CASHMERE COATINGS  
peculiar.TENNIS FLANNELS, in all Colours,  
White and Navy Blue SERGES and  
CRICKETING FLANNELS,

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.

HONGKONG TRADING  
COMPANY, LIMITED,  
LATE THE HALL & HOLTZ C. CO., LTD.,  
Hongkong, 10th May, 1880.

## WINES AND SPIRITS

BY APPOINTMENT,  
A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.  
(ESTABLISHED 1841.)We invite attention to the following old landed  
Brands, all of which are excellent quality  
and good value for the money.The same being specially selected by our  
London House, and bought direct from the most  
noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled  
in glass, and are to be had at the bestprices, and supply the best  
growth at moderate prices.Note—It is only necessary to state  
the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted,  
and initial letter for quality desired.Orders through Local Post or by Telegram  
receive prompt attention.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use.)

Per doz. Per Bot.

A Alto Duro, good quality,  
Green Capsule..... \$10.00B Vintage, superior quality,  
Red Capsule..... 12. 1.10C Fine Old Vintage, super  
ior quality, Black Seal  
Capsule..... 14. 1.25D Very Fine Old Vintage,  
extra superior, Violet  
Capsule (Old Bottled)..... 18. 1.50

SHERRIES.

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner  
wine, Green Capsule..... 6. 0.60B Superior Pale Dry, dinner  
wine, Green Capsule..... 7.50 0.75C Mazzanilla, Pale Natural  
Sherry, White Capsule..... 10. 1.00CC Superior Old Dry, Pale  
Natural Sherry, Red Seal  
Capsule..... 10. 1.00D Very Superior Old Pale  
Dry, white, choice old Wine,  
Black Seal Capsule (Old  
Bottled)..... 14. 1.25Per Case. Per Case.  
1 doz. 2 doz.  
Quart. Pints.

CLARETS.

A Superior Breakfast Claret,  
Red Capsule..... \$4. 4.50

B St. Emilion, Red Capsule..... 4.50 5.00

C St. Julian..... 7. 7.50

D La Rose..... 11. 12.00

Per Case. For Bot.

BRANDY.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red  
Capsule..... \$12. 1.10B Superior Old Very Old Cognac,  
Red Capsule..... 14. 1.25C Very Old Liqueur Cognac,  
Red Capsule..... 18. 1.50D Hennessy's Finest Very Old  
Liqueur Cognac, 1872

Vintage Red Capsule..... 24. 2.00

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Cap-  
sule..... 8. 0.75B Watson's Glenlivet, Malt  
Whisky, Old & Matured,  
with Name and Trade Mark..... 8. 0.75C Watson's Abergavenny  
Malt Whisky, Red Capsule..... 8. 0.75D Watson's H K D Island of  
the Finest Scotch Malt  
Whiskies, Violet Capsule..... 10. 1.00E Watson's Very Old Liqueur  
Scotch Whisky, Gold &  
apricot Capsule..... 12. 1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A John Jameson's Old, Green  
Capsule..... 8. 0.75B John Jameson's Fine Old,  
Green Capsule..... 10. 1.00C John Jameson's Very Fine  
Old Green Capsule..... 12. 1.10D John Jameson's Whisky  
Liqueur, Red Capsule..... 10. 1.00

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A Fine Old Tonic White Cap-  
sule..... 4.50 0.40B Fine Unsweetened White  
Capsule..... 4.50 0.40

C Fine A. V. E. Geneva..... 5.25 0.50

RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet  
Capsule..... 12. 1.00

Good Leeward Island..... \$1.50 per Gallon

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine Maraschino

Curacao Herring's Cherry Cordial

Chartreuse Dr. Siger's Angostura  
Bitters, &c.

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The Party

Hongkong, May 10th, 1880.

Some index to the extent of the commercial  
disasters of last year is supplied by the Re-  
turns of the Supreme Court laid on the table of  
the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon.In 1889 there were 47 bankruptcies, as  
against 17 only in 1888, the total amount of debts proved being \$566,951 as against\$59,885. There were 35 new Companies  
registered, with a capital of \$1,332,600, and  
there can be little doubt that this company  
mongering was the chief cause of the col-  
lapse which marked the latter part of  
the year. The number registered in 1888  
is not given in the report for that year,  
but as the fees received by the Registrar  
in 1889 amounted to nearly three  
times as much as in the previous year it may  
be assumed that the difference in the num-  
ber of Companies was in about the same pro-  
portion. The mania reached its climax in  
the spring of last year, and the Colony has  
been experiencing a very bad time ever since.  
Civil suits, as well as bankruptcies, show a  
large increase. In 1889 there were 27 cases  
tried in Original Jurisdiction, as against

16 cases in 1888, the amount for which  
judgment was given being \$62,158 last year,  
as against \$34,336 in 1888. 41 cases were  
pending on the 31st December, 1888, while  
1889 leaves a legacy to its successor of '92.  
The number of cases commenced last year was  
115, the claims aggregating \$397,230, as  
against 57 cases for \$152,009 in 1888. If we  
turn to the Summary side there is the same  
tale to tell, and the figures here are even more  
indicative of bad times all round. A large  
proportion of the suits brought in Original  
Jurisdiction arose out of *bond* *disputes* in business, and it might be a mere coinci-  
dence that there should be more of such dis-  
putes in one year than another; but a large  
increase in the number of suits for small  
debts is a sure sign of scarcity of money. In  
1888 the number of suits tried in Summary  
Jurisdiction was 771 and the total  
amount for which judgment was given was  
\$73,594. Last year these figures rose to  
1,053 and \$147,228 respectively. It is evident  
from these returns that the depression  
affected all classes in the community, as  
indeed was only to be expected. When the  
large speculator "bursts" he carries others  
down with him, tradesmen's bills are left unpaid,  
and the community as a whole has to pay  
for the gambling of a few. The Colony  
has had its lesson; if it is wise it will not  
readily forget it.

The *ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY* laid on the  
table a minute recommending a vote of \$6,000  
for the improvement of the Chinese Recre-  
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The *CHIEF SECRETARY* said the next vote was one for  
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ation ground, levelling, building, and  
erecting stalls at the entrance to the  
Colony for \$6,000, also the Report of the Head-  
master of Victoria College for 1888.

FINANCE.

The *ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY* laid on the  
table a minute recommending a vote of \$6,000  
for the improvement of the Chinese Recre-  
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The *EXCELLENT* *Chairman* of the minute  
referred to the Finance Committee, who recommended  
a vote of \$6,000 for the improvement of this place.

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a speedy cure. Oftentimes partially decayed food in the stomach, and bowel produces sickness, nausea, &c. Cleanses the bowels with a dose of these pills, and good health will follow.

Unlike many kinds of pills, they do not make you sleepy before you are sicker. They are, without doubt, the most easily digestible ever invented. They remove all obstructions to the natural functions in either sex without any unpleasant effects.

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HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given to Holders of Shares in the above Company bearing the following numbers:—

104-311/320, 303/505, 371/580, 611/620, 633/643, 771/800, 811/810, 911/920, 102/1040, 1071/1080, 111/115, 112/113, 118d/119d, 120/121, 122/123 and 129/130.

On which the SECOND CALL of \$50 per Share due 31st July, 1889, is still UNPAID, that unless the said Call, with Interest at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum, be paid to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, or the General Manager of the Company's Office, No. 52, Queen's Road Central, or before the 17th May, 1890, the Shares will be liable to be forfeited.

MADEWEN FRICKEL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1890. 1915

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

13, PLAZA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

The TELEPHONE EXCHANGE is now now open to the public.

Subscriptions \$20 per annum.

Electrical Materials on sale or hire.

Electric Bells fitted and maintained.

Agents for ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

Estimates free for all kinds of Electrical work.

A. SANDFORD, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1888. 1629

FOR SALE.

CHAS. H. FIELD & CO'S CHAMPAIGNE, 1880, WHITE SEAL. \$25. per case of 1 dozen quarts.

\$25. per case of 2 dozen quarts.

PAUL DUBROIS & Co's CLARET, GRAND VIN LIEVILLE. \$25. per case of 1 dozen quarts.

CLARET, CHATEAU LABOIS. \$13. per case of 1 dozen quarts.

\$13. per case of 2 dozen quarts.

PONTET, LABARTE. \$13. per case of 1 dozen quarts.

PALMER MARGAUX. \$7.50. per case of 1 dozen quarts.

\$8.50. per case of 2 dozen quarts.

LORMONT. \$5. per case of 1 dozen quarts.

JOHN WALKER & SONS OLD HIGHLAND WHISKY. \$8. per case of 1 dozen bottles.

A. SANDFORD, Agent.

CUTLER PALMER & Co's WINES AND SPIRITS. SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1884. 23

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are

respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, none of the Company's agents have been able to make arrangements for the hand over of the vessel, the Head Office, No. 14, Plaza Central, will receive a prompt enquiry.

In the event of complaints being found necessary, communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1885. 188

HANKOW AND YANGTSE POETS.

THE Undersigned beg to inform his

numerous Customers of Hawkow and

Others that he is now in a position to supply the best quality of Clothes, Boots, Shoes, Wines, and Spirits, Bread, Meat, &c. at moderate prices.

SORABJI, J. GAZDER, 187

THE JAPAN SUPPLY CO.

SHIP COMPRODATORS, COMMISSION MERCHANTS

GENERAL CONTRACTORS. JOHN A. PERELES, Manager.

No. 27, MAIN STREET, YOKOHAMA, 1880. 142

THE PEEMER CHANFAGNE

IS BINET, FILS DRY ELITE,

So labelled and branded;

It is shipped to the Hongkong representatives of

CUTLER PALMER & Co.,

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## CHAPTER LI.

"I live a life, I had a life,  
And now I have none more.  
The game I have no strength to play,  
Some better than it seemed of you."

Her first thought was that the sees Penelope is horrid she is looking. The twilight is already gathering, and the stars are out for the very first time in the year. Penelope is lying back in a dilapidated armchair that has seen much service and suffered many things at the hands of all the young Delaneys, starts into life as her sister enters, and runs to greet her, but even this quick low life fails to obliterate the knowledge that moments ago, she was leaning back, listless, tired, bloodless. Now a little effort, a spurt of energy, and she is back again, as the first excitement of Nan's unexpected coming is still and leaves her deadly pale. Shocks indeed as if she had received some sudden shock, or was suffering from an attack of nervous agitation. Nan, whom air is round her, can feel that her heart is beating with an almost suffocating heat.

"Why Penny, what is it?" says she. "It is down darling, art you for a moment? Now a little effort, a spurt of energy, and she is back again, as the first excitement of Nan's unexpected coming is still and leaves her deadly pale. Shocks indeed as if she had received some sudden shock, or was suffering from an attack of nervous agitation. Nan, whom air is round her, can feel that her heart is beating with an almost suffocating heat.

"Yes," says Penelope in a low tone. "He is here! He is in the country! Did you know?"

"Yes," says Nan. "I met him just now—but surely that need not—"

"Met him, where?"

"In—In—Close to the old mill." Penelope is laid low, laid low in her garnet, now sinks back in her chair—sighs—a sigh to despair. So near. At the door also sit, and never to come in. Oh! when William told her, this morning that Freddy Croker had come down, she had her belief, prayed, that some time during the day he would come to her, and now—the very thought of death seems to have taken her.

"What was he doing there?" she asks presently when she has compelled herself to overcome the faintness that is threatening to conquer her.

"That's what I want to know," says Nan irritably. "He was always a giddy sort of person, perhaps he thought he could giddy better in a lonely wood than anywhere else."

"Not always. He used to be different."

"Yes, he did. You know the cause of his deterioration of late. Ever since he fell in love with you, he has been in my opinion the most dismal person on record."

Penelope rising abruptly, pushes Nan's hands away, and slams back from her with miserable offended eye.

"I will have no jests on that subject," she said in a choked voice. "Think of me as you will, you can't be more poorly off than I think of you—but—but—I will not have you speak of him in—int—way."

"But why?" asks Nan, astounded.

"I can see no harm in it. If he loves you—"

"He does not love me!" with a little fierce gesture.

"Well," he says, "he said so just now; and that he was coming to see you presently. I add him what brought him back from Paris, and—"

"From Paris!" cries Penelope. She stops, and gazes at Nan for awhile in dead silence, then biting one hand covers her eyes with it. "Oh! of whom have you been speaking?" she asks faintly.

"Why, of Boyle," says Nan troubled. Terribly troubled now, for she has pressed the truth, and the truth of her own blunder. "I will—conceal it. How does love you, Penny?" She has laid her hand upon Boyle's shoulder, but the latter shakes her off.

"How does you say that to me?" she says in a low tone, but vehemently. "You—of all others. This is the second time Nan, and I warn you not to do it again. Are you a hypocrite? Am I a fool? Am I the only one to do you think that can rest between the lines. Diagnose it to yourself if you will—but in your heart you know it. Boyle French still loves you, only—"

"Oh, no," cries Nan, shrinking back terribly, and then, forgetful of herself, of her own chagrin and fear, of everything save her sister's deep unshaven, she sinks down beside her, and encircles her fondly with her arms. "Penny!" whispers softly, her cheek against Penelope's ear. "Darling, I am not Boyle's. I am not Boyle's. Just now, who was it Boyle?"

No answer, only Penelope turns her head, that her lips come across Nan's cheek. Poor pretty lips, cold and trembling.

"Speak to me. It will do you good. It was Freddy, was it not? Oh! it is like that with him."

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It is this identical moment that Mr. Murphy elects to throw open the door, and blink round him through the ever-enclosing darkness.

"Are ye there, Miss Penelope?" says he.

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